

Conference

**Atlanta, Georgia
Thursday, October 10, 2002**

Co-hosted by the White House Office of
Faith-Based and Community Initiatives and the
United States Departments of Justice, Labor,
Health & Human Services, Housing & Urban
Development, and Education



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CONFERENCE INFORMATION

- The regional conference is free, but pre-registration is required. To pre-register, please fax the enclosed registration form to 202-205-0676 or 202-208-1689 no later than the date indicated on the form.
- A light breakfast and lunch will be provided.
- See the registration form for information about discounted hotel rooms.
- The regional conference will offer several different tracks of workshops. Organizations may wish to send multiple representatives to the conference to take advantage of these different programs.
- For more information, please call 202-219-1746, send an email to conferencequestions@ed.gov, or visit www.fbci.gov.

DEAR FRIENDS

Our country is blessed with a long tradition of assisting individuals, families and communities who have not fully shared in America's prosperity. Yet, despite a multitude of programs and renewed commitments by Federal and State governments to battle social distress, too many of our neighbors still suffer from poverty and despair.

While government has a responsibility to help its citizens, it does not have a monopoly on compassion. Faith-based and grassroots groups lift people's lives and heal our nation's ills one act of kindness at a time. To enhance the work of these groups, President Bush has made the Faith-Based and Community Initiative one of his Administration's priorities.

In the coming months, we will be hosting a series of regional conferences across the country that will provide you with more information about the President's Initiative. I very much hope you will be able to join us.

Kind regards,



Jim Towey
Director, White House Office of
Faith-Based and Community Initiatives



President Bush's Faith-Based and Community Initiative . . .

The Federal government is working to make sure that faith-based and community organizations can compete on an equal footing for federal dollars, receive greater private support, and face fewer bureaucratic barriers.

For People Who Care About Their Communities . . .

For generations, faith-based and community groups have been doing work -- often on shoestring budgets -- that lifts people's lives in ways that are beyond government's ability. These people and organizations are at the heart of President Bush's Initiative.

Practical guidance . . .

- Learn about Federal funding opportunities for your organization
- Participate in grant-writing workshops and write an actual grant proposal
- Gain insight into cutting-edge practices from other organizations
- Network with representatives from the White House, United States Departments of Justice, Labor, Health & Human Services, Housing & Urban Development, and Education

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